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REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 1-9, and 17-18, drawn to a method of reducing bone resorption by administration of leptin (or derivative, homologue, analogue, chemical equivalent), classified in at least class 514, subclass 12.

Group II: Claims 1-9, and 17-18, drawn to a method of reducing bone resorption by administration of an agonist of leptin, classified in class undetermined, subclass undetermined (as no structure is provided for the agonist).

Group III: Claims 1-3 and 17, drawn to a method of increasing bone resorption by administration of an antagonist of leptin, classified in class undetermined, subclass undetermined (as no structure is provided for the antagonist).

Group IV: Claim 10, drawn to a composition comprising leptin, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Group V: Claims 13-16, and 19, drawn to a method of inhibiting osteoclastogenesis by administration of leptin (or derivative, homologue, analogue, chemical equivalent), classified in at least class 514, subclass 12.

Group VI: Claims 13-16, and 19, drawn to a method of inhibiting osteoclastogenesis by administration of an agonist of leptin, classified in class undetermined, subclass undetermined (as no structure is provided for the agonist).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-9 and 17-18 (each in part) drawn to a method of reducing bone resorption by administration of leptin (or derivative, homologue, analogue, chemical equivalent)

In addition, Applicant reserves full rights to pursue the subject matter of non-elected claims in related applications.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered prior to examination of this Application. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below given telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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